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Management Conference and will re-set it after ruling on the motion to dismiss. The court discourages the parties from extending time for pleading or seeking extensions of time beyond those provided in the Federal Rules.

- 3. Before appearing at the conference, the parties or their counsel, or both, shall meet and confer about the substance of the action and the most expeditious means of resolving this litigation. Not less than ten days before the conference, the parties shall file a joint case management statement. The case management statement must be submitted on behalf of all parties and may not exceed ten pages. It should briefly describe the parties' controversy but may include separate statements of the parties' respective positions. Any party seeking damages must set forth in the statement the amount sought and the basis for its calculation.
- 4. At the initial case management conference, the parties or at least one attorney of record for each party must appear in person. See FRCP 26(f); Civ LR 16-10(a). The case management conference shall be conducted informally and not reported unless one or more parties is not represented by counsel. Failure of any party or counsel therefor to attend, prepare for and participate in good faith in the conference shall be grounds for appropriate sanctions. FRCP 16(f).
- 5. No continuance of the conference will be granted except by order of the court upon application of a party. The application shall be made seven days before the date of the conference and supported by a declaration showing good cause. In no event shall any party request that the conference be scheduled more than 60 days after filing of the answer by any party.
- 6. The parties are directed to comply with Civil L R 37-1(b) for presentation of a disclosure or discovery dispute not resolved by the conference required by Civil L R 37-1(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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